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January 10, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Coal Oil Point Access Improvements and Habitat Restoration

Dear Chairperson Bosco,

I am writing to support the Coal Oil Point Reserve's application for funding from the Coastal Conservancy to improve trails and access points at the reserve and to restore sensitive habitats around the access areas. This project will maintain the same level of public access to the reserve and yet greatly improve the issues of habitat degradation from uncontrolled access. The replacement of old fences with better alternatives will also improve the aesthetics of the public areas. Eroded trails will be fixed and the edges will be planted with native species to encourage people to stay on trails.

The COPR trails are an attractive part of the Ellwood/Devereux open space and serve a broad range of users, locally and regionally. The reserve is also the largest wintering site for threatened Snowy Plovers. The reserve has continuously improved the experience for the users and improved the quality of the habitats for protected species. For example, the Western Snowy Plovers made a comeback to breed at the reserve while the beach remained open to the public. The proposed project will further balance coastal recreation and preservation and is a model to other areas facing similar challenges.

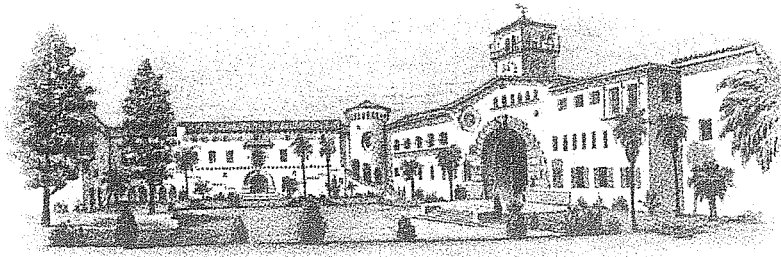
Sincerely,

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DAS WILLIAMS

Assemblymember, 35th District

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

January 6, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chair

California Coastal Conservancy

1330 Broadway, 13th Floor

Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Coal Oil Point Access Improvements and Habitat Restoration

Dear Chairperson Bosco,

I am writing to support the Coal Oil Point Reserve's application for funding from the Coastal Conservancy to improve trails and access points at the reserve and to restore sensitive habitats around the access areas. I represent constituents in the immediate Isla Vista and Goleta area around the Devereux Slough, as well as areas including Gaviota Coast, Santa Ynez Valley and Vandenberg Air Force Base. The Devereux Slough and Ellwood Mesa are popular recreation areas for a broad range of users, and COPR trails are an attractive part of the local open space. Due to its unique location near the University of California and the rich biological value of the area, the Coal Oil Point Reserve is an important research and habitat restoration venue.

The public and environmental benefits of this project include maintaining the same level of public access to the reserve while greatly improving focused access by encouraging people to stay on designated trails. Eroded trails will be fixed and the edges planted with native species to reduce habitat degradation, and the replacement of old fences with better alternatives will improve the aesthetics of the public areas.

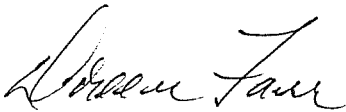
COPR is also the largest wintering site for threatened Snowy Plovers. The reserve has a proven track record balancing user interests with habitat integrity and continuously seeks to jointly improve the experience for users and the quality of the habitats for protected species. For example, the Western Snowy Plovers made a comeback to breed at the reserve while the beach remained open to the public. The proposed project will draw on past success and further

Exhibit 5: Project Letters

balance coastal recreation and preservation, and will be a model to other areas facing similar challenges.

For all the reasons already listed, this project is very worthy of the maximum amount of funding you can allocate to it. I am very proud to support such a worthy project with so many benefits for the people and the land I represent. Thank you for your careful consideration of this request and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Doreen Farr". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Doreen Farr

3rd District Supervisor



December 15, 2010

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Douglas Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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RE: Coal Oil Point Access Improvements and Habitat Restoration

Dear Chairperson Bosco,

I write to personally support Coal Oil Point Reserve's application for funding from the Coastal Conservancy to improve trails and access points at the Reserve and to restore sensitive habitats around the access areas. This project will maintain the same level of public access to the Reserve and yet greatly improve important existing issues of habitat degradation from uncontrolled access. The replacement of old fences with better alternatives will also improve the aesthetics of the public areas. Eroded trails will be repaired and native species vegetation will be planted along the edges to encourage people to stay on trails.

The COPR trails are an attractive part of the City and the public's Ellwood/Devereux open space and it serves a broad range of users, locally and regionally. The Reserve is also California's largest wintering site for threatened Western Snowy Plovers. Working in the Plover Docent Program since it began in 2001, I have seen over-wintering populations of 400 plovers at the Reserve.

Over the past ten years the Reserve has continuously improved the experience for users and improved the quality of the habitats for many protected species. For example, the Western Snowy Plovers have returned to breed at the Reserve while keeping the beach open to the public. Fledgling success now averages between 50 and 70 each year. The proposed project will further balance coastal recreation and preservation and is a model to other areas facing similar challenges.

I look forward to the Conservancy's action and hope you might witness the progress that is continually being made at the Reserve.

Sincerely,

Edward Easton
Mayor Pro Tempore



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December 14, 2010

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Santa Barbara Audubon has a long-time partnership with Coal Oil Point Reserve, co-managing the Plover Education Program, and participating in Habitat Restoration projects to improve the ecological integrity of the reserve. We strongly support the Access Plan to focus public access on trails that will minimize habitat fragmentation. We urge you to fund the proposed project at Coal Oil Point Reserve.

Sincerely,

Darlene Chirman, President
Santa Barbara Audubon Society